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In the claims:

Kindly rewrite the claims as follows:

- B<sup>2</sup>
1. (Amended) A particle comprising calcium phosphate having a pharmacologically active agent at least partially coating the particle or impregnating the particle or both, wherein the particle has a diameter between about 300 nm and about 4000 nm and is adapted to be delivered to a mucosal surface, wherein the mucosal surface is not an ocular surface to be treated for ocular disease.

Kindly add the following claims:

11. A method for delivering a pharmacologically active agent to a patient, comprising delivering a particle of claim 1 to a mucosal surface of the patient in need thereof.

- B<sup>3</sup>
12. A method for preparing the particles of claim 1, comprising:
- (a) mixing an aqueous solution of calcium chloride with an aqueous solution of sodium citrate to form a mixture;
  - (b) adding an aqueous solution of sodium phosphate to the mixture to form a solution;

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- (c) stirring the solution until particles of the desired size and comprising calcium phosphate are obtained; and
  - (d) conducting one or more of
    - (i) contacting the particles with an pharmacologically active agent to form particles that are at least partially coated with the pharmacologically active agent,
    - (ii) adding the pharmacologically active agent with the aqueous solution of calcium chloride, the aqueous solution of sodium citrate, or the aqueous solution a sodium phosphate to form particles that have the pharmacologically active agent at least partially impregnating the particle, or
    - (iii) conducting both (i) and (ii) to form particles that are at least partially coated and at least partially impregnated with the pharmacologically active agent
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